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### Danger to the Anointed

FOR weeks and weeks German soldiers have · been dying like flies in the effort to take So many thousands of them have been killed that daily dispatches record only an occasional capture of a few feet of trenches or the occupation of a village, without referring to the number of killed and wounded. The world has grown accustomed to death by brigades and divisions. Yet when the German Crown Prince, the son of the war-mad ruler who brought it all about. gets near to danger, so that a shell explodes somewhere near him, the incident is worth a special dispatch. It's by way of being a commentary.

Franz Josef contemplates a visit to the Austro-Italian front. Somebody ought to put a sign on the place so that the aged monarch will know it when he comes to it.

### A Diplomat at War

INDICTMENT by a Federal grand jury of Cantain Franz von Papen, former German military attache at Washington, in connection with the alleged plot to blow up the Welland Canal, affords sufficient indication that the good captain's invitation to leave these shores was not too long delayed.

The evidence of his guilt in the possession of the authorities is said to be practically conclusive, and it is supported by a hundred other circumstances revealing his activities as a member of the embassy staff. In the Welland Canal matter be was utilizing his diplomatic privileges and immunities to wage war from within this country on another country with which the United States was at peace, but there is reason to believe that he was actively concerned in conspiracies to destroy munition factories within the limits of the United States. In brief, he was waging war on the United States.

It all goes to show that to the German mind anything whatever that can be conceived to be for the benefit of the Fatherland is not war the ordinary moralities are suspended as to neutrals as well as to belligerent enemies. The end justifies the means

world were going to keep Germany's sub- universal execration marines out of all lanes of traffic near the British coast, must have holes in them, unless the submarines barrowed under or flew over

## Time for an Expert

THERE is but one way for Richmond to We have no doubt what the response will be, settle, in a way reasonably satisfactory to all the public, the problem of new passenger traffic facilities. That is by the employment of an expert to pass on the whole question. He should be an engineer whose standing in his profession is so high and whose training and experience have been so extensive that his conclusions will demand acquiescence from thinking men.

There are so many conflicting views of what should be done that nothing can be done, save in opposition to the wishes of a large and energetic section of Richmond's taxpayers. If there was ever a matter in which the assistance of experts was demanded. this is it. If there was ever an occasion when the expenditure of public funds for expert advice was justified, this is that occasion,

As it is, we all thresh about in the dark. The protagonist of each new panacea insists that his plan is as good as any other-if not better-and he is quite likely to be right. The fact is we do not really know who or what is right. An expert of the proper type could answer our questions and resolve our doubts. He should be employed. people's money could not be spent to better advantage.

Giving First Chief Carranza the benefit of the doubt, it appears that his soldiers stand very little in awe of him. He is either thoroughly bad or thoroughly weak, and in either case not a desirable ruler to be next door to us. Old Diaz at least didn't trouble us, nor did he permit bandits to run at large. Whatever holdup work was done in Mexico, he was abundantly able to perform.

# Sense-Training in Education

O LD-TIMERS were wont to say that the typewriter had rained handwriting, and that the sewing machine had abolished fine handwork. Along a somewhat similar line is a statement by the venerable Dr. Charles Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, which the Bureau of Education is preparing for publication.

Dr. Eliot says, in brief, that too little attention is paid by American educators to drawing, music and other what he calls observational studies. He asserts, further, that the advent of machinery has greatly impaired the educational value of many trades. He complains, and with much reason, that many of these observational studies are regarded as trivial fads, whereas they are important features in the equipment of every human being who means to be "cultivated, efficient, and rationally happy."

Without going in detail into Dr. Eliot's admirable argument, it will be sufficient to say that he protests against the training of the memory to the exclusion of the development of the senses and the education of the nowers of reason and observation. Perhaps many who style themselves practical, business men will read in Dr. Eliot's statement

the idealistic theories of a scholar. On the other hand, the wisdom underlying his ideas -too advanced as some of them may be for the immediate day-is supported by the increasing attention paid to music in the public schools and in the observational methods of modern, scientific kindergarten instruction.

The more this country hears about Von Papen and Boy-Ed, the stronger grows the impression that they were permitted to remain here beyond their time. And the fact that they were the authorized representatives of the German government necessarily creates the suspicion that there are other authorized representatives of the Kaiser in Washington and New York, and in other cities, who should receive their passports. Time is up.

### Peace or War

N the hall of the House of Representatives there will be enacted to-day a drama of momentous consequence in the history of the United States. The President is to lay before Congress those facts and circumstances that, in the eyes of the world, indict the German empire as a traitor to civilization and prove it recreant to the mandate of law

With what patience he has endured, his country and the world well know. He has seen the blood of his people redden the waves of the sea and their bruised and shattered corpses east on an alien shore, and yet has stayed his hand. He has withstood the sneers of belligerent and neutral, the angry criticisms of his own people. He has been long suffering, indeed, until patience, misconstrued as weakness or cowardice, has become incompatible with honor. Now he can and will endure no more.

President Wilson is right in presenting the facts for the judgment of Congress, for on the note he will dispatch to-day to Berlin may hang the Issue of peace or war. Diplomatic exchanges are no longer possible. Events have proved that the word of the German government, like the word of German U-boat commanders, is unworthy of belief. Events have proved what President Wilson said long ago to Germany, that the necessary limitations of the submarine forhumanity and law are to be set at naught.

Neutral and enemy ships are destroyed every day, without warning and without mercy, The circumstances of their destruction make it impossible for U-boat commanders to know tices, there can be no safety under any flag become a shambles, where the innocent of every age, sex and condition are made the victims of German blood lust.

To the world's horrified protest Germany gives but one answer-necessity-and that duced to the necessity of waging indiscrimonly justifiable, but meritorious. In time of linate war on all the world, including the circle of its vengeance, it is time for the struggle to end. War so conducted can have no product save defeat and no aftermath save

The President to-day will speak the final word. Congress must say whether it will yield craventy to the spirit of brutal aggression or stand manfully, with President and people, for the upholding of American rights,

Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, writes to General von Bissing, military governor of Belgium, that God's laws come first. The splendid old primate has the courage of his faith, but doesn't he know that the Kaiser is the "acknowledged representative of the Almighty," and that any laws he makes are the laws of the Almighty?

## The Great American Weathervane

N an interesting collection of public statements, in effect paralleled, by President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt, the New York Evening Post endeavors to show that the Colonel is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. The only question, says the Post, is whether Theodore Roosevelt or Woodrow Wilson embodies Democratic principles more completely, and is therefore the logical Democratic candidate.

According to the Post's analysis, the only difference between the declarations of the two men is "stylistic." The substance of what they have said on matters of great moment is the same. Taking only the speeches quoted as a guide, and assuming that Rooseveit's statements, opinions and impulses will remain unchanged, there is considerable truth in the observation. But this assumption may not be had. What the Colonel said, he contradicts; what he thought, he disavows; what he feit, he disclaims,

And that is the chief trouble with the man. Assuming, violently, that he is truthful; assuming, still more violently, that he is sincere in his heroic mood, he is never of the same opinion, never in the same mood, for two consecutive moments. He is not to be trusted, not to be relied on. He is the great American weathervane.

Editor Viereck, of the Fatherland, and other pro-Germans propose a peace pageant in the big cities of this country in order to impress on the world that it is weary of war. A pageant of this character in Berlin would do much in forming such an opinion as Mr. Viereck and his followers have in mind.

Turkey admits and justifies the sinking of the Portugal, the hospital ship of Russia, on the ground that the Turkish commander thought the hospital ship was a transport. This is a lamentable excuse, but it is better than Germany has done in the Sussex case. And the Turks do not boast of Kultur.

The allies will use the Greek railway lines to carry Serbian troops to Safoniki, in spite of the protest of Germany, that country desiring to use the lines for its own purpose, which would be "all right."

If many more events get under way in this country the fences around the ball grounds where league games are being played may as well be torn down

### SEEN ON THE SIDE

Here at Last. Evening shadows falling O'er the country-side, Mocking bird a-calling

Blithely to his bride. Violets upstarting From their verdant beds,

Fragrance rare imparting, Nodding graceful heads. Breezes softly sighing. Buds on every tree.

Folks who have been crying

Earth all stirred to beauty By Dame Nature's wing, Happiness a duty-Bless me! this is spring.

Joyous as can be.

### The Pessimist Says:

One of the ensiest of all life's duties is telling the other fellow how to bear his troubles

Psalms, vii. 16: "His mischief shall return

upon his own head." 2 Henry VI., ii. 1:

"O God, what mischief works the wicked ones Heaping confusion on their own head thereby." Proverbs, xxvL 27: "He that rolleth a stone !! will return upon him." Henry VIII., v. 2:

"When we first put this dangerous stone a-rolling

"Twould fall upon ourselves."

1 Corinthians, xv. 31; "I die daily." Macbeth, Iv. 3:

"The Queen Died every day she lived."

Matthew, xif. 33; "The tree is known by his

I Henry IV., ii. 5: "If the tree be known by the fruit and fruit by the tree."

Isaiah, i. 18; "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

'Is there not rain enough in the sweet heavens To wash it white as snow?"

Hamlet, iii. 3:

### Warming Up.

Grabbs-How are you getting along with the cook you obtained from the Black and Tan School of Domestic Science?

Stubbs-Fine. She is a little reserved still, but I confidently expect that in a week or so she will be calling me George.

### His Handiesp.

"Do you think Colonel Roosevelt always believes what he says?" "Whenever he has a fair chance. His only

difficulty is in remembering what it was he

### A Pastoral, Not Vers Libre.

Bring out the rake, put in the fork, enrich the garden soil, but don't forget the motor truck with which you end your toil, for surely now othereal spring has come to make a stay, and soon with hook and bob and worm to fish we'll

If some tombstones could speak and told the truth, they would contain two epitaphs, The man who is at war with himself will show the white feather when he is at war with

People are never content with knowing themselves, because they are too intent in trying to find out what others think of them.

You enjoy the sunshine in proportion to what you have laid up for a rainy day. The man who courts trouble will win it, and he will regret the match as long as he lives.

## Skuggs Says:

As women's fashions are to-day, the little girl cannot look forward with much pleasure to the time when she will wear long dresses,

The Thing That Pays. Barkus-There is Thingembob's factory, and

it's a gold mine. Bitus-That's nothing unless he can trade it for a gasoline plant.

# Man Afraid of His Job.

"Who was that who bowed as he pass. ?" "That's Digum. He's one of the few men I know who doesn't talk shop." "What's his business?" "He's an undertaker."

## To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke.

An Irish soldier had lost his left eye in action, but was allowed to remain in the service on consenting to have a glass eye in its place. Being a typical "absent-minded beggas," he appeared on parade one day minus his left "lamp." "Nolan," said the officer, "you are not properly dressed. Why is your artificial eye not in its proper place? "Sure, sir," replied Nolan, "I left it in my box

to keep an eye on my kit while I'm on parade."-Boston Transcript. A Question of Transportation. "oh! fly with me to isles of bliss!"

# "Bring on your aeroplane.

Besought the ardent swain. "Of course," replied the modern miss;

# Chats With Virginia Editors

The Blackstone Courier solemnly and tearfully remarks: "After November 1 of this year the Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will be called upon to take charge of the mint beds in old Virginia."

The editor of the Gordonsville Gazette is The editor of the Gordonsville Gazette is a woman, and a grand, good woman she is. How she knows about these things it is hard to determine, but here is what she says: "It's queen how empty a man's conversation is when he is collected."

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot man has evidently been there. Here is one of his pointed paragraphs: "Once again New York announces that gambling within its limits has been broken up, but it's a safe het that Wall Street continues to do business at the same old stand."

"Now it is suggested," says the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, "that no postage be r'arged on any letter from a constituent giving his views to his Congressman. Considering the views the people get back from their Con-gressmen, it may seem exorbitant to charge the constituent 2 cents."

The town of Altavista, a one-time be is in some straits. The Altavista Journal, in a tearful mood, asks: "Wouldn't if be a capital idea if the Council would create a public pound and incarcerate all chickens, cows and incidentally dogs caught off their premises unaccompanied by their owners? The revenue, for the first month or so, would, we are sure, pay our policeman's salary. The idea is worthy of consideration."

The Roanoke man who wouldn't sit at a banquet table with Governor Stuart is, of course, entitled to his opinion about men and things but we incline to the belief that his idea, was to get a bit of free publicity.—Chase City Progress. Aren't you ashamed to suggest such a thing about one of your brother prohibitionists!—Newport News Press. It is news in these parts that the Chase City Progress man is such a pronounced prohibitionist, except that we are all that way inclined, now that the law has been made.

Has it come down to this? The Valley Virginian says: "We note the Staunton newspapers

have advanced subscription rates 50 cents a year, on account of the rapid and continuous rise in paper, inks and everything else that goes in the business. We hardly see how any of the newspapers can fail to advance subscription rates very much longer, if these advances continue, which seems more than probable. It looks like: 'now is the time to subscribe!'

# News of Fifty Years Ago

From the Richmond Dispatch, April 19, 1866.)

At the great Southern Relief Fair in Baltimore day before yesterday, a splendid picture of President Johnson was sold for \$50. It was bought by a good Southern woman, who at once sent it by express to the afflicted wife of the President, as a token of regard and appreciation for the President's efforts to restore the good will between the once-divided sections of the country.

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tions of the country.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance has decided to hold its annual meeting in this city. It is understood that the State meeting will be held a week from to-day, and will convene with Springheld Lodge. It is expected that at least 200 delegates will be present.

It has been definitely decided that the commissioners who were appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia to treat with a like committee from the Legislature of the hybrid State of West Virginia on the subject of the reunion of the two States, or the adjustment of their relative proportions of the State debt, will hold a meeting on May 8 next. Virginia's interest is much in the hands of Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, chairman of the Virginia's interest all right.

A report comes from Norfolk that the negro celebration in that city of the passage of the civil rights bill ended in a riot in which three negroes were killed, a dozen more were wounded more or less badly. Two white men were slightly wounded,

General Scott reached New York day before yesterday from Cuba. His health is much improved from his sojourn in the tropics, but his bitter feeling towards his own South has not been much mended. So much the worse for General Scott.

General Scott.

In Norfolk County, where negroes are very numerous, there is much trouble and disorder. The Freedmen's Bureau, which has all kinds of authority down there, has reported to head-quarters that it is hard to keep order, and officers of the bureau have asked for more authority, that they may the better look after things. Virginia "niggers" seem to be getting worse and worse. They never seem to know when they have enough.

when they have enough.

The agents of the Freedmen's Bureau are finding more trouble about the marriages of negroes and it has leaked out that the officers of the bureau are rather encouraging the efforts of the Venkee preachers that have come down South to collect all kinds of fees, among them marriage fees, from the negroes. They are teaching a kind of marriage doctrine contrary to the act of the last Legislature of Virginia, which legalized all marriage vows made without ceremony among the darkies. It costs a negro \$1.50 to be married by a Yankee parson, whereas the law made by the Legislature married former cohabitors without a fee. The ways of these Vankee parsons, while moral enough, always have a fee attachment. That's what of these Yankee parsons, while moral en always have a fee attachment. That's they come South for.

A chalk mine has been discovered in Davidson County, N. C., that is said to be worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis changed her mind, and while traveling North decided not to stop in Washington, but to hurry on to Montreal, Canada, where her children are now sojourning. No explanation of the change is made, but it is believed that the engagements she had with President Johnson and other high officials in Washington were canceled at their request. Probably they had heard from Thad Stevens and Charles Summer.

General John R. Hood, after making a trip brough the Western part of the country, and ssuring himself that all things were well for he venture, has made permanent arrangements a go into the commission business in New Or-

## The Voice of the People

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR should not be over 259 words in length, and the name and address of the writer must accompany each communication, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good taith. Our friends are asked to write on one side of the paper only, and to inclose stamps if the return of unavailable manuscripts is expected.

### "I. Too. Katy" Roosevelt.

"I, Too, Katy" Roosevelt.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—In Norwich, N. Y., many years ago there was a large, rawboned Indian squaw, who went about the streets with a basket of bead and moccasin work, crying with a loud voice, "Beads to sell, moccasins to sell." She was always followed by a little, dried-up old squaw, who would pipe out, "I, too, I, too," She was called "I, Too, Katy" President Wilson is the original apostle of preparedness, touring the country and making speeches which have roused the nation. Rooseyelt is the "I, too, Katy" following after him, trying to attract attention. It appears to me that the soubriquet "I, too, Katy" should be stuck fast on him.

Phoebus, Va., April 17.

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Maintaining Cary Street Road.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

Sir.—There has recently been spent quite a large sum in rebuilding the Cary Street Road.
This road has been rebuilt several times within the last few years, but none of these rebuildings lasted more than a very few years. I believe this is caused by the fact that nothing seems to be spent for maintenance. The present road was opened for traffic about seven months ago, and is an admirable road, and should last for years, with proper care. However, not one dollar has been spent for maintenance, and as a result the road is wearing badly; there are a number of holes which should be attended to immediately. I believe New York State lays aside \$1,000 per mile per year for maintenance, but it seems that in Virginia we expect the road to take care of itself. Unless the Cary Street Road is attended to at once, it will only be a very short time before the road is in the same shape it was before it was rebuilt last year. A small amount spent at this time would save a very much larger amount which it will be necessary to spend later on unless this is attended to.

L. HOWARD JENKINS, Henrico

## Current Editorial Comment

Ocean Rate comes from Washington that ocean freight rates on wheat are 900 per cent higher than at the beginning of the European war, a little more than a year and a half ago. From 41 cents a bushel in January, 1914, the rate on grain has jumped to 40.6 cents from New York to Liverpool. Cotton rates have increased in almost the same proportion. It costs \$11.25, or about 21-4 cents a pound, to ship a bale of cotton from New York to Liverpool, while the rate from New Orleans is 3 cents a pound. Rates on flour have increased nearly 500 per cent, and on provisions about 400 per cent within the same period.—Atlanta Constitution.

The combination of serious pur-

Constitution.

Business, Fun and Politics Function which goes and recreation which goes by the name of the Gary system derives that name, of course, from the celebrated Gary dinners of steel billets was fixed amidst a feast of cases of some years ago, at which the dinners come the Gary dinner of last December, at which Mr. Roosevelt was the guest of honor. There, in the midst of a lively discussion of the influence of Tolstoy on the contemporary American novel, something emerged with regard to the Republican convention at Chicago next June. The latest historic meal—this time a luncheon—did not have the presence of Judge Gary, but the tradition of business and fun seems to have been observed with greater fidelity than ever, as attested by events now rapidly manifesting themselves.—New York Evening Post. as attested by events now rapidly a themselves.—New York Evening Post.

Japan is no friend of republi-

Opportunity

Now
for Japan

The doctor is tolerated, probably, because the Japanese bureauerats believe any government in China is preferable to Yuan's despotism. And there must be a suspicion that the statesmen of Nippon are hopeful of a great domestic upheaval in China which will necessitate or excuse active Japanese intervention. It is the opportunity of the centuries, and the new Japanese intervention. It is the opportunity of the centuries, and the new Japanese intervention. It is the opportunity of the centuries, and the new Japanese intervention. Never again, probably, will Japan have so favorable a chance to fasten a grip ou China. The Chinese national awakening cannot be far distant, and after that it would be too late for Japan. Moreover, the European war gives Japan the free hand, which she could not expect in time of Occidental peace.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

# **Badly Bent**

One of the Day's Best Cartoons.



### MODERN VALUATION OF SNAKES BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—If you see a snake in the country this summer, do not smash its head with a rock unless you are sure that it is one of the poisonous species, of which there are only three in America. If you kill a water snake, you are destroying a very harmless creature, and if you kill a garter snake, you are depriving the world of a very useful servant.

Government scientists have recently devoted a good deal of attention to at Butentan has produced serums that

tribes of Indians worship the rattle-snake, dancing with it alive in their mouths and allowing it to bite them. They are also reputed to keep these snakes in their houses of worship, and to feed them on human flesh. Whether or not this is true, it is certain that the rattlesnake inspires these savages with awe. White men watch the Hopi snake dance with amuse-And yet, at many a corner which is very nearly its equal in barbaric quality and motivated by much the same feeling of awe. In the store window is a live rattlesnake. A

but the venom of the reptile had, and provide yourself with the proper an to some extent has yet. Not many dotes. These are easily obtainable years ago the claim was made by rep- and sure in action. There are not utable investigators that subcutane- dozen deaths a year in the United ous injections of crotalin, or rattle- States from snake bites. snake venom, made an effective treatment for epilepsy, lumbago, rheuma tism and even tuberculosis. tism and even tunerculosis.

gained considerable credence; but row hall!

probably the first thorough test of the probably the first thorough test of the probably the first county made in the Philadelphia Hospital for Epileptics Oakbourne just outside of Philadel-phia. The treatment was continued Watching the huddled cells—the human were effected. Two of the sick pa- Cast from the overflow of life's sad tients seemed entirely unaffected by the treatment, two grew worse, one neveloped such acute symptoms that the treatment was discontinued, and one died. The doctors in charge are She sees the morning break on tired poison was a cause of the death.

Crotalin Has No Value. Despite this experiment, there are on hands inert and cold that know no many persons, including a few physicians, who believe that crotalin has sleians, who believe that crotain has valuable medicinal qualities and that when a sufficient standardized supply of welcome—or the thrill of hope and of the poison has been obtained, there will be different results. In a recent report of the Public Health Service. written by Dr. John Anderson, however, the value of the poison is em-phatically denied, and the danger of experimenting with it is pointed out.

Stripped of all his high qualities as healer, the rattlesnake still has one claim to usefulness. That is his hide. The markings, especially of the dia-mond-back variety, are really striking, and the skin possesses great durability. Purses, belts, watch fobs and handbags have been made from it, and these articles are not at all uncommon in the West, where some persons make a business of hunting snakes and preparing of bestiny shuts out the sky, and stars

dertaking from every viewpoint.

Snake hunters, it might be added, are like poets, in that they have to be born to the business. Some persons have little or no inborn aversion to jaw.

That only glimpse between the prison bars, Holding them living hostage to the Law—

The beast that crunches in its cruel jaw have little or no inborn aversion to jaw reptiles, while others are almost overcome at the sight of them. In the and strain with wounded souls against the capture of picking up a rattle. have a trick of picking up a rattle-snake by the tall, and gracefully snap-ping his head off, as one would crack

with wounded souls against the cap-tive chain,
Seeking a Savior who, with flaming
sword. whip. Yet there are brave men who will break the bond and by His Spoken would rather charge a battery of rapidfire guns than kill a snake in that His loyal promise, answer to the knock, particular way

This Man Loves Snakes.

There is an old man living near Fredericksburg, Va., who possesses this gift of affection for reptiles, and should be free, who makes a living by catching them of women, weeping by the holy tree, alive for exhibition purposes. He sells Be merciful to those who know the sells of the se a great many to circuses, zoos and sideshows of all sorts. He also extracts Thorn-crowned and crucified, who vigil their venom, and those that he cannot dispose of in any other way, are killed Sadder than Yours—O gentle Nazarene, for their skins and oil. His method of Pity them, as against the Cross they extracting the venom is said to be original. He stretches a thin cloth over the mouth of a small jar, grabs the Times.

Government scientists have recently devoted a good deal of attention to this matter of fixing the blame among the snakes. Most persons will kill the harmless and useful species, while the most venomous and deadly of the lot, the rattler, has been given credit for various valuable qualities which he does not possess.

The regard in which the rattlesnake is held by man is one of the most curious and inexplicable things in the relations between man and the lower animals. Certain southwestern tribes of Indians worship the rattlesnake, dancing with it alive in their mouths and allowing it to bite them. a sparrow. Its favorite prey are the numerous species of field mice, which infest American farms and gardene, spending their winters luxuriously in shocks and cribs of grain.

Might Be Used as Mouser.

Government scientists have even gone so far as to say that the garter snake might profitably be propagated as a mouser. It can follow small vermin down the narrowest holes and cramin down the narrowest holes and crannies—a thing which no other creation ture can do. It will probably be a long time before garter snakes are popular as household pets, but it is high time country people learned their value.

window is a live rattlesnake. A crowd draws, fascinated by the loath-some beauty of the creature and the knowledge of its deadly power, the very qualities that inspire the savage.

Rattlernake Oil as Pauseea.

Meantime, a long-haired individual has appeared with a bottle of rattlesnake oil, which he guarantees to cure deafness or to relieve corns by an application on the outside of the shoc. Some one comes for a trial and receives a drop of the magical unguent on his sore toe. Invariably he proclaims himself cured, and there is a rush for the medicine. This particular scene was witnessed on a busy corner in Washington, D. C., a few months ago.

The states are hormaled their value. In addition to the rattlesnake, there are only three poisonous snakes in the United States. The copperhead and water moccasin are about as deadly as the rattler, but have a much more limited range, in which they are generally well known. In the South there is a small species known as the coral state of local in the cooral of lindia. The deadliness of the colors are foundation to the rattlesnake, there are only three poisonous snakes in the United States are harmless to man, and many possible to have been accurately determined. In the far South west there is a small deadly variety, which, however, is really a Mexican species, and found only near the border. All of the other snakes in the United States are harmless to man, and many the foundation of the colors of lindia.

in Washington, D. C., a few months ago.

Now as a matter of fact, rattlessake oil has no more curative quality than cottonseed oil, and not as much as olive oil. It is the personality of the rattlesnake—his sinuous, horrible beauty, the mystery of his bite—that sells the nostrum. Otherwise any other oil would do as well.

All of the other snakes in the United States are harmless to man, and many of the marked much like a rattler, is a great enemy of rate and gophers. The black snake is also a diligent hunter, but not altegether a blameless one, for he undoubtedly decorated would do as well.

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If you are going into a region where
poisonous snakes are found, you should
but the venom of the reptile had, and provide yourself with the proper anti-

The idea Darkness broods deathlike on the nar-ence; but row hall! at She hears, half dozing-waiting till the

> Seas. Wreckage adrift and high on shores like these.

one died. The doctors in charge by the death.

That read no promise in God's friendly On hands inert and cold that know no

Accomplishment or joy or splendid

She hears the broken woman call a Soft through the shadow-then the scarlet flame Of anger break the midnight-then the hush

Of weary waiting for the morning flush. Bringing the Calvary they call the day, Empty and gladless. Up the bloodstained way Again they creep and falter-stumble.

Across Your footsteps-where the the skins. It is a commendable un-

Open the door-the dungeon gate unlock!

sells Be merciful to those who know not

keep

lean! -Kate Masterson, in New York